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We're on the Web!
www.eastpittsburghborough.com



The Shamrock

East Pittsburgh Website

The East Pittsburgh Borough web site has been "Out of Service" for several weeks. We are in the process of fixing it and it will be up and running soon!

Promise Camp



Want your child to do something unique and absolutely cool this summer? How about a week-long, low-cost (\$25.00) summer camp experience in

rural Beaver County? This is a Christian camp where kids can swim, climb a rock wall, play basketball, make crafts, and play fun games.

Please come to the Senior Citizen's Center at 700 Grandview Avenue at 6:30 p.m. on June 3 to learn about the Camp, meet Camp Counselors, and obtain registration materials.

All your questions will be answered at the meeting.

2015 Flea Market

The 2015 Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Bessemer Avenue Community Center.

We have over 40 tables of goods for sale plus items outside. You will get quality goods at a very reasonable resale price!

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non-profit fund that exists and operates on proceeds raised through fund raising, recycling, and private donations. All contributions go towards food, shelter, and medical care of animals rescued by the Police Department. Donations are sometimes made to other non-profit agencies assisting in the rescue and treatment of animals in our community and region.

\$1 Sarris Candy Bars Are Back!

Sarris' \$1.00 Fund Raising candy bars are available at the Tax Office and Police Office during normal office hours, and at all EPEDC events.

The East Pittsburgh Police Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals benefit from candy sales.

East Pittsburgh Police Abused & Neglected Animal Fund Neuter and Spay Day 2015!

Frankie's Friends Mobile Clinic will be joining us at the East Pittsburgh Community Center, 506 Bessemer Avenue, on **May 30** for a day of spaying and neutering.

Appointments are **REQUIRED**. For info and/or to make an appointment, please call the East Pittsburgh Police Department and leave a message: (412) 824-0447.

Pricing:

Cat Neuter*: \$35.00

Cat Spay*: \$50.00

*Includes Rabies Vaccination, Frontline, Ear Mite Treatment, and Ear Tip (feral cat).

FeLV/FIV Test: \$20.00

Feline FVRCP Vaccination: \$8.00

Feline Leukemia Vaccination: \$12.00
Rabies Vaccination: \$8.00 (Proof of vaccination—3 year; no proof of vaccination—1 year)
Profender (Worm): \$10.00

NO food or water after midnight!

All cats must be in a secured pet carrier. If feral, must be in secured, covered trap.

Cash or check only. No credit cards. Please make checks payable to Frankie's Friends.

Local Business Spotlight

Gregg Services Company, located in the East Pittsburgh Plaza, is a combination of two separate companies: Gregg Staffing Solutions and Gregg Protection Services.



Gregg Staffing Solutions is owned, operated, and headquartered out of East Pittsburgh, PA by the Gregg family. They have linked employees to the needs of businesses for over four decades. Their mission today is indistinguishable from the one they began with in the 1960's: to place quality people in quality jobs with quality companies.

Gregg Staffing Solutions is a full service resource partner allowing companies to effectively manage staff augmentation. With over forty years in the human resource capital field, they have extensive experience in identifying, recruiting, and placing employee talent on a temporary, temporary to hire, and full time placement basis.

For decades, their service has allowed companies to optimize employee performance and manage the best possible return on their staffing investment. Whether hiring front line workers, operational support, or management, their experienced and talented staff allows businesses to make the right fit at the right time.

Since the 1960's, Gregg Staffing Services has helped over 150,000 people with job placement assistance. The company has spanned the golden era of manufacturing and retail services, and continues to grow into healthcare, technology, and energy based companies. Whether you are beginning your life's-work, or looking for a new opportunity, allow

Gregg Staffing Solutions to be your keystone!

Gregg Protection Services has worked with domestic and foreign governments and the private sector to protect high-threat, high-risk targets since 1997 ... and they take justifiable pride in their reputation for technical excellence and highly trained and experienced management team. This management team comprises technically trained people who "grew up" in the safeguards and security industry. With this experience, they have an unmatched level of technical experience and commitment to the industry.

This commitment and expertise stem from a broad understanding of the evolution of the nuclear weapons program in the United States and the corresponding need for an integrated safeguards and security program to protect it. They have taken that philosophy and applied it to protecting high-threat, high-risk targets – including biological and nuclear assets – in the United States and in 53 foreign countries. In addition, they use this same process to protect emerging technology that is under development in the private sector.

Their employees are their biggest asset, and they're the primary reason for Gregg's continued growth and success. For example, the Department of Energy has recognized their employees as "among the best in Russian IMPC work." Gregg has 100 percent repeat business and the industry's lowest turnover rate of less than 1 percent. In addition, they've repeatedly been voted as one of Western Pennsylvania's ten best places to work by the Pittsburgh Business Times.

Remember When . . .

"I'm goin' down the 'burg." "You taking the steps or the cinder path?"

If you grew up on Bessemer Terrace, you knew that "goin' down the 'burg" meant you were visiting the business district of East Pittsburgh. Yes, we called it "the 'burg" decades before the expression was used to refer to downtown Pittsburgh!

Kids always went down the cinder path because we felt like we were on an adventure in the woods. To get to the cinder path, you took the tunnel under

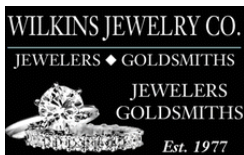
Route 30 that's located next to the Senior Citizens Center (aka Hose House) on Grandview Avenue. The Police Station was at the end of the cinder path and we always stopped in to say "hi" to the cops, find out if anyone was in jail, and get a drink of water from the fountain.



From there, we had our choice of amusements. There was the Frederick movie theatre on Linden Avenue and the Rivoli on Electric Avenue. On most Saturdays, the Rivoli had double-feature monster movies so we usually went there.

After the show, we could go to Isaly's for a skyscraper cone or Stern's Drugs for a Boston cooler (that's a half cantaloupe with vanilla ice cream in it). If we had any money left over, we went to "Dirty Book John's," aka Newsland, to get the latest comic books. We called it "Dirty Book John's" because he sold Playboy!

Looking for new jewelry? We had our choice of Yenne's, Goldman's, or Wilkins. Remember the Wilkins Amateur Hour? Wilkins Jewelers sponsored the show.



All prom and wedding needs could be taken care of with one trip to the 'burg. Ladies could buy their dress at Kay's Shoppe and gentlemen went to Hatter Harry's for a suit or tux. If a guy just wanted to get his suit cleaned, he went to Fine Cleaners and got his shirts washed and ironed at Jim Lee Laundry. Corsages and bouquets were provided by Menas Flowers or Shackelford Flowers. If you

wanted tomato plants or other flowers to plant in your yard, you visited Alda's, across from the Hollywood Show Bar. She had the best plants.

The ladies got their hair fixed by Vi, Anthony, Mary Shook or Claffey's and the event was probably held at the Moose or American Legion Hall. Boosters held teen dances every Saturday night with DJ Bob Lovorio and sponsored bingo on week nights.

Good times were had at Pappy's, Milich's, Dellas Café (which later became Gus Rinios), or the Palace. The best times were had at the Hollywood Show Bar. Christmas parties at the Show Bar are still held every year and are packed. Most of the people who attend no longer live in East Pittsburgh but come to the Christmas party and reminisce about the good old days and dance to the oldies.

The 'burg also had its share of food stores. There was Ernie's, Pugliese, and Isaly's. Jaffe's Poultry was on Electric Avenue. You would go in and pick out a live, squawking chicken that was kept in a cage and the bird would be taken into the back room. A few minutes later, the chicken would be brought out wrapped in brown butcher paper ready to prepare for chicken dinner!



Bernie's was the place to go for a quick bite to eat and you knew the food would be great and a White Tower restaurant with stools and counter service only was located on Braddock Avenue.

Turkey Bill's was probably the first dollar store in the area. He had everything from dishes to restaurant order pads! Honig was next to Lanigan's Funeral Home on Linden and was a wholesale

Electric Avenue circa 1960



warehouse where you could buy cases of food – like today’s Sam’s Club or Costco. Musick’s print shop was next door to Honig’s and they gave away pastel paper scraps on Fridays. We made sure we



got our share because “if it’s free, it’s for me!”

Nevin Drug Store had beautiful candy displays with boxes adorned with satin

bows. It smelled like a candy store. There was also Standard, Stern’s and Judd’s pharmacies.

Murphy’s 5 & 10 Cent Store on Electric Avenue had the best stuff – cutouts, coloring books, Evening In Paris perfume, and Red Fox nylons. They sold colored chicks and ducklings at Easter and all the kids got one. Ever wonder what happened to the chicks about three weeks after Easter? Me, too! They always “ran away.” The waitresses who worked the counter in Murphy’s wore hankies fashioned into a corsage and secured it with a fancy safety pin.

Vic’s Appliance Store on Braddock Avenue had a life-sized cutout of Frank Gifford promoting Westinghouse Air Conditioners.

In addition to all the small businesses, there were several big businesses –

Westinghouse, Union Railroad and Mellon Bank. Westinghouse had three shifts working and you made sure to stay away from the ‘burg between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. when the shift changed. The traffic jam was incredible!



If you know of any ‘burg businesses we missed, please email kbk535@verizon.net and we will do a follow up Remember When . . .

Trash Pickup Reminders

Please place your trash for collection in the alley on the evening prior to scheduled collection on Thursday.



One bulk item is permitted to be placed curbside each week. Examples include: furniture, washers and dryers, dishwashers, hot water tanks, mattresses/box springs, etc.

We would like to remind you that building materials (e.g., dry wall, lathing, plaster, insulation, etc.) and electronics (PCs, monitors, stereos, TVs, etc.) will not be picked up by Bigs. These materials require special disposal. Please contact Big’s at 724-379-4331 for more information.

Don’t forget to return your empty trash cans to your property after pickup. Trash cans left in the alleys blow around and cause a traffic hazard and sometimes get smashed!

Disposal of Electronic Devices

If you have an electronic device (TV, PC, monitor, printer, VCR player, etc.) to get rid of, you can put them out with your regular trash on trash day. Call the Borough Office (412-823-7124) and let them know you are placing electronics in the trash. Jake, Public Works Supervisor, will be around with the Borough pick up truck to haul them away.



Autism Packets and Disability Registration

The East Pittsburgh Police Department has packets available for parents/caregivers of autistic individuals. The packets contain stickers for cars and homes that indicate a person in the vehicle/home may not understand all commands. It also contains information on various autism assistance organizations.

Providing information on autistic individuals to the police allows them to have information on file so that when an Officer encounters a resident with special needs, special instructions can be accessed. If you have someone in your family with a disability, Alzheimer's, etc. and feel you would benefit from the police having this information on file, please call Chief Frunceck at 412-824-0447 and leave a

message with your name, address and telephone number. She will deliver the packet to you.

Police Speak to Boy Scouts

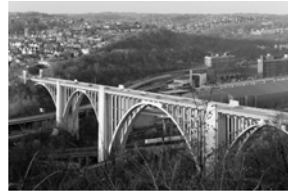


Officers Patricia Summers and Jeff Smarachak visited Cub Scout Pack 817 of Penn Hills in January and talked to the scouts and

their parents about careers as a police officer. The boys had a lot of questions about why the police do things the way they do. The scouts looked over the police car and its equipment and the officers demonstrated how the equipment worked. They took turns sitting in the police car and turned on the siren, listened to police calls and saw what kind of data is available on the in-car computer.

2016 EPEDC Calendars

The EPEDC will have 2016 East Pittsburgh calendars for sale at the Free Health Fair on September 26 and at all EPEDC events after that date.



Calendars may be ordered ahead of time by calling **412-824-8313** and leaving your name, telephone number, and number of calendars you are ordering.

Each calendar page will have areas where you can advertise your business or remember a loved one. The cost for ads/memorials is \$10.00.

Family Care Connection (FCC)

You are invited to attend a Strawberry/Ice Cream Social meeting with Family Care Connection (FCC) on June 17, at the Bessemer Avenue Community Center 506 Bessemer Avenue, at 7:00 p.m.

The Family Care Connection East (Braddock, Rankin, North Braddock, and East Pittsburgh) would like you to know that they are offering family services in our community. FCC is a family support program of Children's Hospital of UPMC. When you enroll with us, you will receive monthly visits that will include help in identifying and establishing goals for you and your child(ren). You will also receive



curriculum-based child development education with child development activities for children 0 to 5 years each month. All women who are expecting and parents with children 0 to 2 years can also expect to have a nurse visit each

month. We also offer opportunities for fathers to come together with other fathers raising children to address topics that are meaningful to them. In our Toddler groups, parents get to meet other parents and participate in play activities with their toddlers. Our Kindergarten Readiness group will introduce skills to your preschooler that will help her/him get ready for kindergarten. Led by one of their nurses, their women's group has women's topics that are current and appreciated. When you go to their Parenting group, you can expect discussion as well as support. You will also have an opportunity to participate in many family events. They will be glad to talk to you about enrollment and all the services we provide at FCC East during the meeting or you can call them at 412-273-4610.

Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling Program

Do you have an old refrigerator cooling a few items in your basement or garage? Did you know it may be using up to four times the electricity of a new model? With all that leftover energy, you could save up to \$150 a year on your electric bill.

Save up to \$150 a year on energy

Duquesne Light's Watt Choices program will pay you \$35 to recycle that old, energy-wasting refrigerator or freezer and will haul it away at no charge.

Get a \$35 rebate

Doubly green: recycling and cash. You'll receive your rebate check within six weeks of pickup. Our program partner, JACO Environmental, will break down your





ALLEGHENY HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM (AHILP)

Affordable low-interest home improvement loans are currently available to eligible low/moderate income homeowners through the Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program (AHILP). This loan program is sponsored by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and has been providing low-interest home improvement loans to eligible Allegheny County homeowners for more than 30 years. We have two loan products:

EMERGENCY/PRIORITY IMPROVEMENT LOAN

- Max Loan Amount: up to \$10,000
- Minimum Loan Amount: \$2,000
- Interest Rate: 0%
- Processing Fee: \$0
- Improvements can include: Emergency/priority home improvement such as a new roof, replacing a furnace or boiler, tap in projects or repairing a broken gas, water or sewage line. Also eligible are accessibility-related improvements such as ramps or bathroom modifications.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT LOAN

- Max Loan Amount: up to \$23,000
- Minimum Loan Amount: \$3,000
- Interest Rate: 1%
- Processing Fee: \$375 (not due until loan closing, and may be financed with the loan)
- Improvements must include: Code deficiencies and lead based paint hazards must be remediated.
- Improvements can include: The homeowner will prioritize any permanent improvements to the property including kitchen or bathroom upgrades, new windows, siding, etc.

AHILP LOAN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

1. The home must be located in Allegheny County *excluding* City of Pittsburgh, City of McKeesport, Boroughs of Trafford, McDonald, Penn Hills, Edgeworth and Ben Avon Heights.
2. The home must be the applicant's principal residence and a residential, single-family dwelling
3. Applicant must own the property via recorded deed (the AHILP Loan will be mortgage secured)
4. Home must be deeded in the name of a natural person,
5. Total household income cannot exceed the following income limits:
HOUSEHOLD SIZE / MAXIMUM INCOME LIMIT:
1 / \$52,800 2 / \$60,350 3 / \$67,900 4 / \$75,450
6. Applicants must have acceptable credit and property taxes must be paid.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST A LOAN APPLICATION:

Visit our website: www.alleghenycounty.us/economic/residents/homeimproveloan.aspx

Call us: (412) 350-6337

old refrigerator and 95 percent of the components will be recycled.

Reducing your energy use also reduces the need for more power plants as well as the environmental impact of energy generation.

Source: <https://www.duquesnelight.com/wattChoices/home/refrigeratorRecyclingProgram.cfm>

Part-Time Position Available

The Borough of East Pittsburgh is currently seeking candidates for a part-time Public Works position. The successful candidate should have experience driving a dump/salt dispensing truck and snow plow. Interested persons can obtain an application by: Calling the Borough Office 412-823-7124 or visiting the Borough Office at 813 Linden Avenue.

Coming Soon

East Pittsburgh will soon have a new deli opening in town. **Hanini's Subs** expects to open in about three weeks and is located at the corner of Bessemer and Grandview Avenues. Patrons will be able to purchase subs, salads, gyros, and sandwiches as well as staples such as bread, milk, deli meat, and cheese. The deli is owned by Fuad (Fred) Elder. Hanini's Subs is the third deli opened by Mr. Elder.

Flyers will be distributed letting you know the exact date of the Grand Opening! Be sure to attend!

Annual Flower Planting

Our annual flower planting will take place on Friday, May 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the intersection of Tri-Boro Highway and Electric Avenue. Over 28,700 vehicles view this garden every day. Come and join us to help make East Pittsburgh beautiful!

Don't Forget to Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, May 19. Please stop by the East Pittsburgh Community Center and cast your vote for your favorite candidate.

Remember that voting is a privilege that we should all take advantage of.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES
to Benefit Kopy Kat Sanctuary 



FRIDAY 5-8-15

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Doors Open at 6 PM
1st Race at 7 PM

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Light Picnic Fare
Games of Chance

\$10 per person includes food • \$10 to buy a horse

Tickets Can Be Purchased at the Door

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
1313 5th Ave. East McKeesport, PA 15035

SPAY AND NEUTER
For More Info:
Facebook.com/KopyKatSanctuary

Change of Date

Since Election Day is on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, the May Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Mark Your Calendars

May 2—East Pittsburgh Police Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals Flea Market—Bessemer Avenue Community Center—9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

May 8—Kopy Kat Sanctuary Night at the Races—St. Robert Bellarmine Church—6:00 p.m.

May 22 and 23—Annual Flower Planting—Intersection of Electric Avenue and Tri Boro Highway—May 21 and 22 at 6:00 p.m.; May 23 at 9:00 a.m.

May 30—Cat Clinic—Bessemer Avenue Community Center—Call 412-824-0447 to make an appointment for your cat(s).

June 1—Pirates Treasure Chest Drawing

June 3—Promise Camp Meeting—Senior Citizens Building—6:30 p.m.

June 17—Family Care Connection—Bessemer Avenue Community Center—7:00 p.m.

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East Pittsburgh Police Fund for Abused and Neglected Animals

Saturday, May 2, 2015

9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Bessemer Avenue
Community Center
East Pittsburgh**

- BOOKS
- CDs and DVDs
- GAMES
- TOYS
- BEDDING
- KID's CLOTHES
- JEWELRY
- DISHES
- SHOES
- PURSES
- FURNITURE
- SUN GLASSES



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